

RULING THIS WEEK ON TUITION FUND

Time of Effect of School Law Passed by Last Legislature to be Decided by Judge Church.

CONSIDERABLE MONEY INVOLVED

Districts in Mercer County Are Seeking Distribution Under Provisions of Old Statute.

(Special to The Argus).
Aledo, May 22.—Many thousands of dollars of high school tuition funds are being held up in Rock Island, Mercer, Henderson, Warren and Knox counties pending the outcome of the fight made here on the constitutionality and the time of effect of the distribution act of 1915. Judge William T. Church of the circuit court has indicated that he will enter an order in the case next Saturday, at which time it will be known whether these moneys shall be distributed under the provisions of the present high school tuition law, or whether County Superintendent C. L. Gregory of Mercer will carry the matter to the supreme court, which he has threatened to do. All of the superintendents of the surrounding counties are holding up their funds, which aggregate close to \$100,000, pending a settlement of the Mercer case.

Judge Church has already indicated to the attorneys on both sides of the controversy that he will uphold the constitutionality of the law, which was passed at the last general assembly, but that he will rule that this law is not now in effect and will not be until July 8, 1916. The judge's reason for withholding his order until next Saturday is to give the contending school boards of Keithsburg, New Boston and Aledo time to decide whether it would be advisable to withdraw or abandon that part of the complaint relating to the time of effect of the law, or to continue the fight by demanding that this year's funds, now at hand, be paid out under the provisions of the 1915 law, which necessarily must still be in effect if the 1915 law is not yet in operation or retroactive.

Awaiting Decision of Boards.

Attorney William J. Graham, who represents the school boards which have sought to enjoin Superintendent Gregory from the payment of tuition fees, principally on the contention that the 1915 method of distribution acted against the larger and high school districts as a class and in favor of those districts which cannot or do not see fit to maintain high schools, expects to learn within a day or two whether the Aledo, Keithsburg and New Boston boards desire to continue the fight and force the payment of this year's fees under the provisions of the old law, which they claim, is still in force, or waive the time-of-effect contention and allow Superintendent Gregory to make distribution.

The whole matter at this time rests on Attorney Graham's next move. Judge Church suggested to him that it

COMING DEBUTANTE IN OFFICIAL SET



Miss Eugenia Bankhead.

Miss Eugenia Bankhead, daughter of William B. Bankhead of Jasper, Ala., who defeated Richmond P. Hobson for the democratic nomination for congress, will be one of the prettiest buds in Washington's official society next winter. Miss Bankhead is now a schoolgirl in one of the capital's smartest finishing schools and is already known in Washington among the younger set. She is a granddaughter of Senator Bankhead.

would be permissible to withdraw that part of the bill of complaint that related to time of taking effect of the law, which would end the controversy and permit Superintendent Gregory to distribute the \$11,000 which has been allotted to Mercer county by the state. On the other hand, it has since been said by Attorney Graham that it would be possible to withdraw that part of the complaint which related to the constitutionality of the law and proceed in an attempt to force the superintendent to make distribution under the provisions of the 1915 law, which is undoubtedly in force until the new law becomes operative on July 8. No one seems to know at this time what will be Graham's move under Judge Church's tentative ruling. No one disputes Graham's contention.

New Point Raised.

The point relating to the effectiveness of the purported law is a new one, injected into the controversy by Mr. Graham, who is a state representative, and was at Springfield last year when the tuition measure passed both houses. The point has not been brought up in any of the fights that have been made of late in different counties of Illinois. Representative Graham recalled that after the measure passed both houses it went to the governor, but that that official did not sign it. The legislature adjourned June 30, 1915, two days following the passage of the measure. Having failed to receive the approval of the governor the bill was returned and filed in the office of the secretary of state. On July 8, 1915, Mr. Graham, in his arguments to the court, pointed out that under the constitution of the state a law does not become effective until the July following its passage or filing, unless otherwise provided. It seems that in this case there was no such provision. Thus the law does not become effective until July 8, 1916.

PARKER SHOWS IN CITY FOR A WEEK

Large Amusement Enterprise Begins Its Exhibitions at Exposition Park This Evening.

The Parker shows, which are to be on view at Exposition park throughout the present week, arrived yesterday afternoon over the Burlington, the train consisting of 35 all steel cars. Hundreds of people watched the unloading of the cars at the foot of Seventeenth street. It is said to be the largest carnival on tour. There is no doubting the fact that it is the most prosperous looking affair of its kind that has ever visited Rock Island. The opening exhibitions will take place this evening, beginning at 7:30.

Among the many attractions to be seen will be Parker's Creation, one of the most beautiful spectacles ever produced under canvas, the Beautiful Bagdad Girls, a musical comedy of note with a bevy of pretty girls; Fairly's World of novelties, curiosities from all climes; the Submarine Foel Killer, the first submarine ever built; Ski Ball, the new fun device; Days of Forty-Nine; the Honey Moon Trail, the great fun maker; the Southern Entertainers; The Girl From Leavenworth; Prince Napoleon Shows, with the little prince himself, and many other novelties.

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There will be a parade through the business section of the city at 7:30 this evening.

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interested, that the council of the city of Rock Island, Illinois, having ordered that Seventeenth avenue, from the east line of Twenty-fifth street to the west line of Thirtieth street, be excavated, graded, curbed and paved with asphalt and the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the city clerk of said city, and said city having applied to the county court of Rock Island county, Illinois, for an assessment of the cost of said improvement according to the frontage of the property assessed along the line of the improvement, said assessment being payable in eight (8) installments, each bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, and an assessment therefore having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the second day of June A. D., 1916, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

All persons desiring, may file objections in said court, before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

Dated Rock Island, Ill., May 18, 1916.
J. C. FRY,
Commissioner appointed to make said assessment.

Stockholders' Notice.
A special meeting of the stockholders of the American Bankers and Merchants' company will be held at 229½ Eighteenth street, Rock Island,

Ill., on the 29th day of May, 1916, at the hour of 5 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering and voting upon the proposition to dissolve said corporation, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before such meeting.

N. S. JOHNSON,
A. J. LINDSTROM,
CHARLES DUNCAN,
A Majority of the Directors of American Bankers and Merchants' Company.
April 19, 1916.

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